GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5831
ANSWERED ON:03.05.2002
SALE OF FOODGRAINS AT CHEAPER RATES
SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers have to sell their foodgrains at cheaper rates for lack of adequate number of procurement centres;

(b) if so, the efforts made by the Government to open such centres near production areas and `Mandis` during the last two years; and

(c) the number of procurement centres opened by the Government, State-wise during the above period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a): No, Sir. As on 1.5.2002, a quantity of 139.03 lakh tonnes of wheat and as on 29.4.2002, a quantity of 142.66 lakh tonnes of paddy conforming to Fair Average Quality specifications has been procured in the country by FCI and State Agencies at Minimum Support Prices.

(b): Adequate number of procurement centres are opened in the market yards/mandis and in the production areas in consultation with the State Governments to facilitate farmers to sell their produce conforming to Fair Average Quality specifications. This is being done to prevent distress sale by farmers.

(c): The number of procurement centres opened by FCI/State Agencies are given in the Annex.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5831 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 03-05-2002 IN THE LOK SABHA.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE LIST OF PURCHASE CENTRES OPERATED BY FCI/STATE AGENCIES DURING RAB KHARIF SEASONS FROM 2000-01 AND 2001-02.

RABI SEASON (Prov.)

STATE	2000-01			2001-02		
	FCI	S.Agen.	Total	FCI	S.Agen.	Total
Punjab	495	1053	1548	439	1145(Ex. 1071 & Jt. 74)	1584
Haryana	77(Ex. 43 & Jt.34)	303	380	85(Ex. 55 & Jt.30)	285	370
Uttar Pradesh	44	4601	4645	-	4390	4390
Rajasthan	22	118	140	29	115	144
Madhya Pradesh	22	1013	1035	22	875	897
Delhi	2	-	2	2	-	2
Bihar	26	-	26	37	512	549

Himachal Pradesh - - - 2 - 2
Uttaranchal - - - 27 163 190
Total 688 7088 7774 643 7485 7616

Ex- Excluding
Jt- Jointly
S. Agencies - State Agencies

KHARIF SEASON

State 2000-01 2001-02
FCI Jointly S.Agen. Total FCI Jointly S.Agen. Total

Punjab 460 87 1040 1587 427 128 1098 1653
Haryana 22 10 192 224 31 35 165 231
Uttar Pradesh - - Only
1400 1400 - - 1605 1605
(6 Per
block)
Delhi 4 - - 4 2 - - 2
Rajasthan 12 - - 12 12 - - 12
+22 - @28 @50
Andhra Pradesh 217 - 188 405 173 - +282 455
Madhya Pradesh - - 2155 2155 46 - 382 428
@231 @231
Karnataka 18 - 13 31 - - 9 9
Pondicherry 2 - 2 4 - - - -
Arunachal
Pradesh - - - - - - - -
+ Bihar 40 - 512 552 38 - 716 754
2 more
centres
being
decided
Himachal Pd. 2 - - 2 4 - - 4
Maharashtra - - 255 255 - - 823 823
J&K 2 - - 2 - - - -
Chhatisgarh - - - - - - 1972 2226
@254 @254
+Uttaranchal - - - - = - +52 +52
Gujarat - - - - - - @33 @33-

Total 779 97 5757 6633 755 163 7641 8568

N.B.

1. Through Kacha Arhtias in Punjab & Haryana and Arhtias Samitis in Arunachal Pradesh.

2. Figs. For A.P. includes Rabi

3. @ For Procurement of Coarsegrains only.

4. + 52 Sanctioned and 50 operational.